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March 23, 2010

Mr. James L. Hart
155 Spring Valley Ln.
Buchanan, TN 38222

Re: Disqualification to Seek Party Nomination by Tennessee Republican Party

Dear Mr. Hart:

I received a letter from Mr. Chris Devaney, Chairman of the Tennessee Republican Party, stating that you are not a "bona fide" member of the Republican Party. For your convenience, I have enclosed a copy of the letter that this office received.

TCA § 2-13-104 allows each political party to adopt a rule requiring its nominees for offices to "be bona fide members of the party." According to TCA § 2-13-104,

... A party may require by rule that candidates for its nominations be bona fide members of the party.

Furthermore, TCA § 2-5-204(a) provides, in pertinent part:

Each qualified candidate's name shall be placed on the ballot as it appears on the candidate's nominating petitions ... unless the executive committee with which a primary candidate filed the original petition determines that the candidate is not qualified under § 2-13-104.

Because of the foregoing reasons, your name will not appear on the Tennessee ballot for the United States House of Representatives, District No. 8.

Sincerely,

Mark Goins
Coordinator of Elections

Enclosure

cc: Chris Devaney



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March 15, 2010

Mr. James L. Hart
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Dear Mr. Hart:

This is to inform you that your petition was verified to have been signed by at least 25 registered voters. You have filed the necessary documents with this office to have your name placed on the August 5, 2010, ballot as a Republican candidate for the office of U.S. House of Representatives in the 8th congressional district.

Please be advised that T.C.A. Sections 2-5-103/104 require that you also file a certified duplicate of the original with the chair of the party's state executive committee. This filing must be done by the qualifying deadline in order for your name to appear on the ballot.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call our office.

Sincerely,

Mark K. Goins
Coordinator of Elections